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A LETTER TO THE FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Center for Scholarship and Information, located in Fondren Library, will be open in the fall of 1988. A joint project of the library, the Department of English, and the Institute for Computer Services and Applications, and funded in part by the Friends of Fondren Library, the CSI is a computer-equipped classroom and laboratory facility that is intended to link students' intellectual development with the increasingly vast and sophisticated array of information resources presently available.

For some years now, there has been a growing concern on college campuses that computer literacy is being pursued to the detriment of the traditional skills of reading and writing. Educators have felt that computers, with the proper application, could contribute to the development of those skills feared to be in decline. It was with this purpose in mind that the Center for Scholarship and Information was conceived and established.

It is hoped that such a facility will encourage students to assume more of the responsibility for their own education by making them active, collaborative participants in the learning process. As important as the acquisition of "facts" will be the building of an intellectual foundation that consists, in part, of the ability to solve problems and to apply concepts. We expect the CSI to provide this kind of independent, complementary learning experience.

Occupying the former Office of Continuing Studies, the CSI will include a classroom for regular course use and tutorials, as well as a public-use area for independent research and scholarship. It will be supplied with computers, printers, and assorted audiovisual equipment. We are proud to note that some of the Center's hardware and software were purchased with funds generously provided by the Friends of Fondren Library.

We invite the Friends to stop by the CSI for a visit. We think you'll be pleased with how your resources have been used.

Sincerely yours,
Richard W. Lilliot III
Member, Board of Directors
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SALOMON BOCHNER PAPERS

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The personal papers of Salomon Bochner, a teacher, historian, and mathematician of international fame, have recently been organized, described in a formal guide, and made available to scholars. The papers were donated to Rice University by his daughter, Deborah Bochner Kennel, and deposited in Fondren Library's Woodson Research Center in 1982. Five record storage boxes came from his home in Houston, where Bochner lived while serving as Edgar Odell Lovett Professor of Mathematics at Rice University, and an additional thirty-four boxes arrived later from the mathematics department of Princeton University, where he taught for thirty-five years. In all, the collection consists of 5,320 items that occupy fifty-two cubic feet and span the period from 1914 to 1982.

Bochner was born in 1899 in the small town of Podgorze, Austria-Hungary, now in Poland, and died in Houston in 1982. His early education included grammar school and attendance at the Academia w Krakowie. In 1915 he moved to Berlin, where he attended the Königlich-Oberrealschule until he was conscripted into the Austro-Hungarian army in May 1917. While in the army Bochner received medical training at a military school near Vienna and eventually reached the rank of corporal in the medical corps. He was stationed at a military hospital until November 1918. Soon thereafter he matriculated at the University of Berlin, where he studied mathematics and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1921.

Directly after receiving his doctorate, Bochner was employed as a volunteer in the Cuten and Syman Banking House in Berlin, but left at the end of the year. In 1925 he was awarded an International Education Board Fellowship, which took him to Copenhagen to study with Harald Bohr and to Oxford and Cambridge to work with G.H. Hardy and J.E. Littlewood. In 1927 he accepted a position as lecturer in the mathematics department at the University of Munich.

As a Jew, Bochner evidently decided that the growing tide of Nazism in Germany left him with no other choice than to seek a new life elsewhere. After a six-month stay in Cambridge, England, he joined the Princeton University faculty in 1933, and served as an assistant, associate, and then full professor of mathematics until 1968. During that period Bochner held other professional positions: he was a temporary member of the Institute of Advanced Study of Princeton University; he spent one year as a visiting professor at Harvard University and another at the University of California, Berkeley; he was a consultant at the Los

Alamos Project and for the Air Research and Development Command. In 1968 Bochner retired from Princeton University and accepted Rice University's offer of the Edgar Odell Lovett Chair in Mathematics. He subsequently became the chairman of the Department of Mathematics.

During his early years, Bochner was preoccupied with pure mathematical theory and proved to be a provocative and prolific writer. After receiving much notoriety at an early age in Europe, he embarked at Princeton on his lifelong study of harmonic analysis, starting with the now classical treatise *Lectures on the Fourier Integral*. This work planted the seeds of what was later called the theory of distributions and set forth his most famous theorem, actually known as the Bochner Theorem.



Bochner in his early twenties (from a German document)

His accomplishments in harmonic analysis did not prevent him from working in other areas of mathematics with equal success. In the field of several complex variables, Bochner's achievements were significant and broad, especially in their interaction with other areas of mathematics. The crowning honor in this field came in 1967 with the fifth printing of *Several Complex Variables*, originally published in 1947. In probability theory, his *Harmonic Analysis and the Theory of Probability* became a standard work. During the period from 1950 to 1965, Bochner published at least eighty mathematical articles, most being elaborations on his earlier ideas.

Afterwards, however, he turned almost exclusively to the history and philosophy of science. In his later years, Bochner wrote books and articles on the role of the concepts of space, infinity, functions, continuity in major junctures, and real numbers, and on the upheavals in the rise of Western mathematics, such as the decline of Greek

mathematics in its own phase, the sudden emergence of analysis in the late Renaissance, and a subtle but very tangible change of style in mathematics during the transition from the eighteenth to the nineteenth century. *The Role of Mathematics in the Rise of Science*, perhaps his most famous book, was published in 1966 and soon thereafter translated into many languages. Indeed, a large proportion of the collection's working papers deal with the history of science.

The major classifications of the collection are Correspondence, 1924-82; Scholarly Works, 1923-82; Teaching Materials and Notebooks, 1917-79; Personal Documentation, 1914-81; and Printed Material, 1925-79. Roughly half of the collection consists of the first two series. They correspond with each other chronologically in that the bulk of the material in both falls between 1968 and 1981, the years Bochner spent at Rice University.

Correspondence contains valuable research material. His correspondents included many of the most distinguished scholars of the twentieth century, from such diverse disciplines as art, classics, mathematics, linguistics, biology, physics, philosophy, and history. Of course some of the letters deal with personal, practical, legal, and financial affairs, but many by both Bochner and his colleagues discuss scholarly matters in such detail and at such length that they could almost be considered unpublished works. These scholarly letters amply demonstrate the profundity and breadth of Bochner's ideas and interests and the influence he exerted in the realm of mathematics and the history of science.



Bochner in his office at Rice University in the 1970s

The manuscripts of Scholarly Works make up a large and significant gathering of documents. Bochner wrote many versions of his numerous articles and books. These papers reveal the evolution of his thought, from handwritten notes to the completed manuscript. Most are full of insertions, marginal comments, and paragraphs marked for deletion. A great majority of his publications after his arrival in the United States in 1933 are represented in this series. Some of the works found here, moreover, were never published: the handwritten notes to lectures, articles and books that were started but never finished, and a major book that was near completion at Bochner's death.

The other sections of the collection contain fewer and historically less significant materials, but provide nonetheless a more personal glimpse of the man. Of interest to some may be the teaching materials Bochner collected during his long career as a professor at Munich, Princeton, and Rice, and the numerous notebooks he kept throughout his life. His notebooks contain language drills, poetry, short diary entries, and advanced mathematical notations. The legal and financial papers provide early biographical data regarding Bochner's education in Poland and Germany, his citizenship, his military service during World War I, and his financial dealings with publishers such as Princeton University Press. The twenty-seven photographs in the collection are mostly snapshots of Bochner with unidentified colleagues and family in Munich, Princeton, Houston, Los Angeles, and Bombay. The printed material within the collection is of two types: offprints, collected by Bochner throughout his life and including many articles that are now hard to obtain, and books, those written by Bochner and those in which he made annotations, of which there are a few dozen.



Bochner's German identification papers, dated 1921

BEHIND THE SCENES AT FONDREN LIBRARY

Signey F. Schou
Class of 1988

The fundamental workings of Fondren Library, as for most institutions, are far more extensive than what meets the eye of the casual observer. Each of the departments and services discussed here plays a critical role in the creation of a system at once smooth-functioning and hospitable. To illustrate the human side of efficiency, a few of the individuals who make up the staff of Fondren Library will also be introduced.

In brief, the library's internal operations can be divided into the Processing Services department, which includes Data Base Management, Cataloging, and Acquisitions, and the Access Services department, comprised of Circulation and Building Services. Since Fondren Library became fully automated in the spring of 1986, both the Processing and Access Services divisions have been expanded and improved for the benefit of patrons.

Data Base Management, headed by Elizabeth Baber, is responsible for authority control, maintenance, and quality control of the online system. Since the manual card cataloging system was discontinued two years ago, the LIBRIS data base serves the preeminent function of maintaining the listings of the entire collection. Authority control requires that all entries for specific names, titles, and subjects be consistent throughout the catalog; it also provides cross references from variant forms of names, titles, and subjects. In the areas of maintenance and quality control, it is Baber's duty to handle problems, such as errors or duplicates, that occur in the system.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology from Rice, Baber continued her studies at the University of California at Berkeley, where she was awarded a master's degree in library science. Following a short stint at Fondren, she worked at a book dealer's firm in Germany for a year and a half before returning to her alma mater.

Baber has been witness to many changes in the library and the university in her long tenure at Rice. "When I first came to Fondren," she says, "catalog cards were still being mimeographed and circulation was done with hand-printed cards. I never dreamed that computers would come to be the prime tool in my job." Reminiscing about her days as a student, she recalls that classes were held on Saturdays and the curriculum was more structured. She remembers, too, the bomb scares of the sixties.

Baber's participation in Rice campus activities includes lunch at the weekly German table. "I can continue my interest in German, while getting to know the students at Rice as well," she says.

Cataloging, another subdivision of Processing Services, is headed by Linda Keating. Comprised of Original Cataloging, Copy Cataloging, Music Cataloging, Retrospective Conversion, and Serials Cataloging, it too is dependent on the NOTIS system.

Under the supervision of Jui-Huei Kuo, the catalogers in Copy Cataloging use a nationwide data base system called OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) to locate the bibliographic information needed to catalog a book. Book titles not found in OCLC are directed to Kuo, who must do original cataloging to enter them into the NOTIS system.

Kuo studied social science and library science in her native Taiwan and later received a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She worked for one year at Michigan before coming to Fondren in 1984. Kuo says she enjoys the atmosphere at Fondren, because it combines the advantages of a close-knit university with the technical advances of an online catalog system. "Rice is smaller and friendlier than Michigan," she confides.



Left to right: Elizabeth Baber, Linda Keating, and Rose Marie Randle

The Retrospective Conversion Project, a long-term effort to convert the records of the library's holdings, drawer by drawer, to the online system, was completed in the spring of 1987 under the supervision of Shirley Wetzel. Wetzel began work on "recon" as a part-time assistant in 1981, and in 1983 she was appointed project director.

During the past year, Wetzel has worked on various short-term projects, including original cataloging of Rice theses and recon material, and she assisted the Serials Cataloging unit in entering all current serials into the NOTIS data base, a project completed last fall. Wetzel is now helping to input holdings for these serials, which will enable patrons to see what is available online. Future duties include more retrospective conversion – of maps,

non-Roman materials, and microfilm collections — and entering "dead" serials, those not currently received.

Wetzel, who has a master's degree in anthropology from Rice, likes the campus atmosphere. "I enjoy working with and being around friendly and interesting people," she says.

Acquisitions, also part of Processing Services, is the starting point for all materials brought into the library. Rose Marie Randle supervises this multifaceted department, which assists in developing collections. When materials are requested by librarians in the many fields represented in Fondren, the orders are filled through Acquisitions. A large number of items are received under an approval plan, and those not needed are returned.

As soon as an item is approved and the bibliographic information forwarded to Cataloging, Acquisitions must supervise its preparation for the shelves. Some softcover books are sent to the Hertzberg Company for binding; repairs are done in the basement of Fondren. Finally, all materials go to the marking table where they receive call numbers.

Acquisitions is presently experiencing the same catch-up difficulties in conversion to the online system as Cataloging and Data Base Management. Approximately 10,000 titles are received annually in the serials unit of Acquisitions, and Randle is obliged to set priorities. In addition, Acquisitions is responsible for the cost-effective management of the book budget (fund accounting, reports, etc.).

Originally from Lievin, in northern France, Randle has worked at Fondren for the past twenty-three years. What brought her to the United States in the first place? "Curiosity," she maintains.

While Processing Services guarantees that materials are correctly entered for the user, Access Services, directed by Joseph Hatfield, ensures that materials are shelved properly, in circulation, and secure.

Current patrons will notice construction throughout the library. "Fondren has been a victim of deferred maintenance until recently," says Hatfield. When he came to Fondren five years ago, there was no assigned building manager. Under his direction, many departments are now being upgraded and relocated.

Plans for the renovation of the library's main floor include the important decision to house Circulation, Periodicals, and the Reserve Room in one area. This arrangement will allow all materials to be monitored at one service point, and security will be enhanced by means of a 3-M security system. The single service point will be a labor-saving device and will enable Circulation to expand its schedule to 111 hours a week.

The combined Circulation, Periodicals, and Reserve Room will occupy the former Reference area. Reference will be moved to what was once the Processing Services location, behind the circulation desk. Processing finds its



Virginia Martin and Albert Jackson

new home in the remodeled basement. In addition, the Center for Scholarship and Information, a computer and audiovisual center that is being developed by the library, ICSA, and the Department of English, with resources from the Friends of Fondren Library, is planned for completion for the fall of 1988. It will be located in the basement in the former Office of Continuing Studies.

Fondren continues to acquire new resources to meet the technical needs of patrons. Five new Xerox machines that operate with coins and a new magnetic-card system will increase the quality, convenience, and availability of copying facilities. The forty-year-old-plus air-conditioning system, currently without temperature and humidity control, is also undergoing much-needed repair.

Hatfield, who formerly worked as a facility and office manager for a heavy oil-field equipment company, has developed an efficient, well-organized system to carry Fondren through this period of renovation.

Circulation is directed by Virginia Martin, who supervises a staff of seven full-time employees and twenty-five student assistants at Circulation and in the Reserve Room. It is the responsibility of Circulation to guarantee service at the desk, to check the book drops hourly for returned books, and to maintain records of all borrowers and of all items that circulate from the library.

The Circulation Department is at the forefront of patron service, daily coming into contact with campus borrowers (students, faculty, staff, and Friends), as well as with patrons from the larger Houston community. Fondren participates in HARLiC, the Houston Area Research Library Consortium, which counts as members the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library,

Houston Public Library, Prairie View A&M University Library, Texas A&M University Library, Texas Southern University Libraries, the University of Houston Library, and the University of Texas Medical Branch Library (Galveston). HARLIC patrons are allowed to borrow two books for a two-week period. As a federal depository library, Fondren is also required to make all publications received through the program available to the public. Hence its diverse clientele.

Martin, who joined the Fondren staff six years ago, boasts a varied background, including a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Texas at Austin and three and a half years' experience as a tax examiner for the IRS. She feels positive about changes that are taking place in Circulation, including the recent move to a new location, and looks forward to the upcoming improvements. "The combining of Circulation and the Reserve Room will benefit the students," she says.

Building Services, under the direction of Albert Jackson, oversees the day-to-day functioning of Fondren Library. Jackson's responsibilities include the operations of shelving, security, and supplies.

Before being shelved, returned books are brought to the Scatter Room, where any problems can be detected. A typical week is divided between shelving returned materials and scanning the stacks for misplaced items. Maintenance is done at the end of the week, after shelving

priorities have been completed. Jackson likewise sees to it that the Friends of Fondren Library Contemporary Literature books are maintained in an area near the circulation desk, where they are kept for one year.

As part of security, Jackson superintends entrance and exit checkpoints and monitors the safety of patrons. After 2:00 P.M., all persons who enter the library are asked for identification. As patrons exit, their books and bags are examined to ensure that borrowed materials have been officially checked out.

"Security guards also survey the floors, investigating for people suspiciously hanging around," explains Jackson. The Rice campus police are called upon if individuals need to be escorted out.

Jackson came to Fondren in 1985, after four years of experience in the Department of Agriculture and a stint in industry. The relaxed and quiet atmosphere of the university appeals to him. "Rice is a peaceful campus, especially after you've been in the military for twenty years," quips Jackson.

It is evident from this brief look into a few of the operations at Fondren, some more visible than others, that an enormous amount of effort and dedication on the part of library staff goes into making Fondren the exceptional institution it is. The current renovation, due for completion in the fall, is expected to continue to enhance Fondren Library's tradition of excellence.



Dr. John L. Mangrave

The Friends of Fondren are selling quartz watches with the graphic owl and the word "RICE" underneath the owl. The watches have a genuine leather strap. The deluxe watches are selling for \$59.95; the regular watches for \$49.95. For more information, you may call Mary Lou Mangrave at 621-1226, or the Friends' office at 527-4022.

FRIENDS OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN TEXAS SURVEY RESULTS

The following information concerning Friends organizations around the state was submitted to the newsletter sponsored by the ad hoc Committee on Trustees and Friends of the Library (FOTL Involvement). The material was obtained from a questionnaire sent out by the committee's current chairman, Robert W. Oram, Director of Central University Libraries and Executive Secretary of the Friends of SMU Libraries/Colophon. We thank Dr. Oram for his permission to reprint the survey results here. Most of the information is for 1986-87; however, 1987-88 information is included where available.

INDIVIDUAL FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

The Friends of the Abilene Christian University Herman and Margaret Brown Library in Abilene sponsored a book sale, four lectures, two exhibits (one on the U.S. Constitution and another on the Vatican collections), and a "Friend for a Day" Homecoming Reception. Two of its members, Mabie and Jack Burford, were named Friends for a Day for their generous gifts of historical tapes and archival materials. *Library-Friends News*, a newsletter published for the library by the Friends, includes articles on the collections, its volunteer program, and information (with photographs) about the library and its staff. Dr. Callie Faye Millican, Associate Librarian and a member of the FOTL (Involvement) Committee, announced her retirement.

Membership fees: Student \$3, Regular \$10, Sustaining \$50, Life \$200. The Friends group has 700 members.

In Beaumont, the Associates of Gray Library at Lamar University sponsored a fund-raising dinner at which guest speaker Liz Carpenter presented a talk entitled "I'd Act My Age If I Could Remember It." The Friends has a membership of approximately 175; it is in the process of reappointing its Steering Committee.

The Friends of McMurray College Library in Abilene holds an annual book sale in April. In 1986-87, it also cosponsored a reception to honor scholarly contributions by the faculty. The group has sixty-seven members.

The Friends of North Texas State University Library in Denton sponsors an annual dinner with a guest speaker. In 1986-87, it also held a poetry reading, a preservation workshop taught by Ken Lavender, and a reception for new faculty. It has a membership of seventy-nine.

Fondren Library of Rice University, Houston, again has the largest Friends group, with 1,062 memberships representing 1,738 individual members. It sponsored extremely varied functions, including the annual

Casino Party and Auction, which raised \$21,000 for the Friends' Book Endowment Fund. From a select list, the Friends raised \$200,000 for building renovation while other Friends contributed \$350,000. The Friends' operating budget provided \$10,000 for collection enhancement. Included in the 1986-87 program were a tour of the new LIBRIS automated catalog, a demonstration of CD-ROM (Compact Disc - Read Only Memory), the annual Homecoming Brunch, and the annual Schubertiad (a concert of nineteenth-century music). The annual meeting commemorated the fortieth anniversary of groundbreaking for Fondren Library. The Friends of Fondren Library publishes *The Flyleaf*, a quarterly publication with information on Rice and the library. The program of events for 1987-88 included the usual annual receptions and exhibits. A major speaker was Dr. Harold Hyman on "Why Celebrate the Constitution's Bicentennial?"

Membership fees: Donor \$25, Contributor \$50, Sponsor \$100, Patron \$250, Benefactor \$500, and Endowed Membership (Lite) \$4,000. Borrowing privileges are available for \$50.

In Dallas, the Friends of SMU Libraries/Colophon at Southern Methodist University has instituted an annual award to be presented to individuals who have made significant contributions in the fields of librarianship, book collecting, scholarship, and/or writing. It has been named the DeGolyer Award, in honor of the noted book collectors Everett Lee DeGolyer, Sr., and his son, Everett Lee, Jr. The first recipient was Lawrence Clark Powell, in 1986; the 1987 award went to Stanley Marcus. Colophon was able to give \$28,750 to the library's collections from membership dues and from the 1986 Fine Book Auction. In addition, memorial tributes were established for two longtime members, Taylor Robinson and Dr. James Phillips. Dr. Phillips had been a staff member of DeGolyer Library for many years. Thirteen program events were scheduled for 1987-88, including talks by Stuart and Scott Gentling on *Of Birds and Texas*, Stanley Marcus on "The Book Club of Texas," Dr. Alessandra Comini on *The Changing Image of Beethoven*, and Dr. Eleanor Tufts on "American Women Artists: 1830-1930." A handsome broadside was printed listing the program; this was reduced in size for use as a bookmark.

Membership fees: Student \$5, Contributing \$15, Associate \$50, Sustaining Associate \$100, Benefactor \$500, Library Fellow \$1,000. All but Contributing memberships carry library privileges. There are approximately 400 Colophon memberships.

The Sterling C. Evans Library Friends of Texas A&M University in College Station holds a National Library Week Book Sale and a Student Book Collector Contest. In 1986-87, it also sponsored a Hullabaloo Tasting, a business meeting, and a social event with a guest speaker. It has 273 members.

The Friends of the Texas Christian University Libraries in Fort Worth holds an annual meeting to recognize individuals for their service to the libraries. In 1986-87, three awards were given: The Carol and Jim Renshaw Award for an outstanding gift of Western books was presented to Edith S. Mayfield; Friend of the Year Award went to George and Sue Sumner, who helped purchase a collection of silent movies for the library; and the recently established Award for Professional Excellence was given to Mary Charlotte Fans, who retired in 1986. Guest speaker at the annual dinner was the Honorable Robert A. Brand, now at Pennsylvania State University after many years with the U.S. Foreign Service. The Friends also commissioned a portrait of Dr. Paul Parham, the late Director of Libraries. The painting is displayed in the library. The Friends has 332 members, including 34 life members, on the current active list. It publishes *Friends of TCU Libraries*, with library and Friends news.

Texas Tech University Library Friends of the University Library/Southwest Collection in Lubbock sponsored several events: an annual social and book auction that included items of Western Americana with a trade value of \$50 or more; a trip to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and the Texas Conservation Center on the WTSU campus in Canyon; and the annual dinner and membership meeting, featuring Leon Metz as speaker. The Friends also cosponsored a reception for William C. Griggs, a Houston museum consultant, with the South Plains Genealogical Society. Roberta Casella was responsible for the 1987-88 Texas Tech calendar, "Creating the Tech," given to Friends on a complimentary basis and available for sale to others. The Friends also held its Wassail and Christmas Music program. The Texas Tech Libraries publish *Access* semiannually for Friends and the university community.

Membership fees: Regular \$20, Contributing \$50, Sustaining \$100, Corporate \$150, Benefactor \$500, Library Fellow \$1,000, Founders Club \$5,000.

The Library Associates of the William A. Blakely Library at the University of Dallas at Irving sponsors an annual Texas Writer's Lecture, which in 1986-87 featured William A. Humphrey. The lecture was followed by a screening of two films, one based on a Humphrey novel and the other on one of his short stories. Along with the Friends of the Irving Public Library and North Lake College, the Associates sponsored a breakfast and a lecture by George Plimpton. It also hosted a wine tasting of four Texas wines, with contributions going to the library. In addition, it sponsored one of the Texas Institute of Letters annual awards for the best short story published in the *Southwest Review*. The Associates has a membership of approximately 100.

The University of Houston Friends hosts programs in conjunction with social events; some of these have been

catered brown-bag lunches with guest speakers. It again sponsored publications for the library, such as the catalog of the Basile J. Luyet Memorial Collection in Cryobiology and a catalog for the exhibition "Publications of the Faculty, 1982-1987." It also sponsored an exhibition of photographs from F.W. Heitmann & Co., an important early Houston firm, along with the opening reception. Other exhibits supported by the Friends included "The Treasury of San Marco, Venice" and "Pompeii," in addition to an exhibition on Goethe's *Faust*. It is hoped that the Friends newsletter, which has been suspended, will resume publication at a later date.

Mr. Frell Albright, a longtime member of the Friends Board and its graphics advisor, died on October 7, 1987. He shared his many collecting interests with his "adopted alma mater," and gave the libraries illuminated manuscripts, Texas navy material, Texas currency, and other extraordinary items, including his premier Stephen F. Austin collection. The Frell L. Albright Endowment for the library has been established in his name. The University of Houston has 300 members in its Friends group.

The University of Texas at Arlington Friends organization hosted several events: a reception for the exhibit "Mejico y Tejas, a Cartographic History, 1513-1850"; a talk by Decherd Turner of the HRC at Austin on the importance of Friends organizations to academic libraries; and an address by an autograph party for Liz Carpenter. The Friends also helped celebrate the publication of Volume XIII of the *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*.

Membership levels are Friend \$35 (spouse \$15 additional); Sponsor \$50 (spouse \$15 additional); Patron \$100; Benefactor \$250 for individuals and \$1,000 for businesses. All of the above are per annum. In the Library Circle, membership fees are \$500 per annum for individuals, \$2,500 per annum for businesses, and \$5,000 for a life membership, a onetime gift. Members of the Library Circle receive invitations to openings of exhibits and special events, numbered and signed limited editions of publications, calendars and broadsides, Christmas cards, and a subscription to the Special Collections publication, *Compass Rose*. Membership for spouses and a 15% discount on publishers' list prices are included in Library Circle benefits. The UTA Friends numbers approximately 100.

The University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, Swante Palm Associates, sponsored "An Evening with J. Frank Dobie," featuring Cactus Pryor and John Henry Faulk, as a benefit for the university libraries. It also held a reception for faculty and staff in conjunction with the annual Faculty/Staff Book Exhibition. At the annual dinner, Laura Furman read from her own work. The Associates has a membership of 115.

In Canyon, the Friends of Cornette Library, West Texas University, held an award ceremony when the library received a rating of excellent as a depository for U.S. Government publications. It also sponsored an annual dinner with guest speaker Bill Neely, who talked about his book *Quanah Parker and His People*, published by Brazos Press. The Friends has 98 members.

UNIVERSITY WIDE FRIENDS

Austin College in Sherman reports that it has a Library Advisory Committee within the academic structure that acts as a Friends group.

McDermott Library at the University of Texas at Dallas (in Richardson) has a university-wide Friends group that is responsible for fund-raising for the library.



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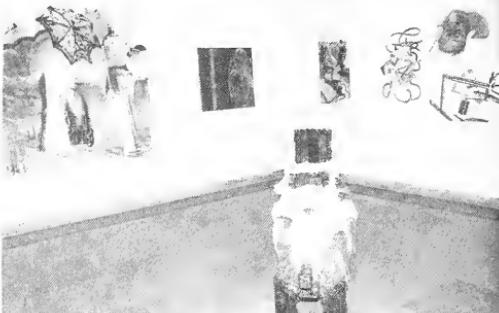
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